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A message from the Executive Director...

Happy Fall!

The Arc recently celebrated our Respite Care providers during National Direct Support Professionals Week. Our care givers join the millions of front-line workers who continue to provide support to individuals with disabilities amid these trying times. We can't thank them enough, and we were happy to recognize their efforts during this special week.

We are very excited to announce that The Arc's website is undergoing a complete redesign and we hope to launch it in late October! Visitors will see interactive, informational and intriguing content as well as new and changing photos and videos about topics of interest. You can follow our Facebook and Instagram pages for the latest updates. Please stay tuned!

Finally, we are in the midst of our annual Membership Drive. We invite you to join our collective voices so that we can have the strongest voice for advocacy for individuals with developmental disabilities and our families.

Please take care and stay well. We hope to see you soon!

~ Wendy Carter



Multiplied Giving...
The story of one family's decision
to become regular donors to
The Arc

When George and Sandy Corr moved to NC while their daughter was in high school, they really weren't too sure what to expect. They had some services in place for Emily, but the transition from high school to adult life was a bit of a challenge. With the help of school personnel, they found a program at the community college and later at Monarch Day Services. Navigating the adult service system was no easy task, but when Sandy was introduced to the folks at The Arc of Moore County, their lives took a turn.

Emily was born with visual and intellectual disabilities and did not use words to communicate. While she required 24 hour care, her sense of humor was in tact as well as her empathetic nature. Her mom, Sandy, gets teary when talking about her sweet daughter and how far she has come. Sandy is grateful for the opportunities they have had throughout their lives and the wonderful people they have met along the way.

Respite services from The Arc began for Emily around 2008 and, according to mom Sandy, she has flourished since then. Due to committed, well-trained, compassionate staff, Emily now has a social network and friends that she sees regularly. They go out together and enjoy celebrating each other's birthdays. This service has "added to Emily's life, enhanced it," and allowed her parents a bit of breathing room. These services have been "key to survival for us," Sandy said. "We have had time to recharge and reconnect which is critical when caring for a loved one." Through tears, Sandy shared that her respite worker has, in some ways, even taught her how to be a better parent.

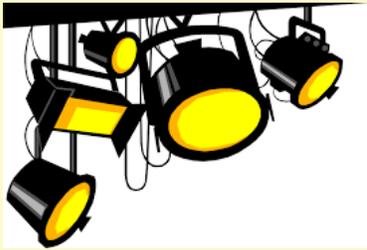
Sandy explained that The Arc and Respite services have afforded this opportunity for Emily and her friends (as well as many others) to be involved in the community. It not only exposes them to wonderful opportunities such as theater, music, art, and fun, but also exposes folks in the community to people with disabilities and helps them to learn, interact and grow. "It's very important to have The Arc and similar organizations put programs and services in place. It's important for them to hire staff who are qualified, knowledgeable and experienced since we can't leave our child with a typical babysitter," Sandy says.

For all of these reasons and more, Sandy and George Corr have become regular donors to The Arc. They have decided that they could easily give a donation once each year and maintain their membership with The Arc, but Sandy explains that her regular gift allows for a broader reach. It allows The Arc to offer these types of supports to many in addition to Emily. "The Arc can anticipate getting my monthly donation and plan around that, develop a budget knowing that families/donors will send their gift, and it will assist The Arc with maintaining a stable stream of revenue" Corr says. "This can help lots of people, essentially multiplying the money we give."

Regular donors help keep our programs and services running. If you'd like information about becoming a regular/monthly donor, please contact us (910) 692-8272.

[Donate Now](#)

If you'd like to apply for Respite Services or First in Families assistance, please visit our website for details
thearcofmoore.org



Spotlight's on Angela



Angela McMillan is a breath of fresh air, sunshine on a gloomy day, and a sweet friend during a pandemic. She is our SPOTLIGHT story this quarter...

She has been receiving services through The Arc of Moore County since she was in Middle school, or was it Elementary school? She can't remember it's been so long. This lovely 39 year old told me that if it weren't for The Arc, First in Families and Respite services, she would be sitting at home. "I got to have that," she explains.

Angie has a Respite worker that wears many hats. She helps with daily living skills, personal hygiene, food prep and also serves as chauffeur and friend. These services "help me to get out of the house when I want to." COVID-19 restrictions left Angela stuck at home for many months, but lately she has been able to get out to go to the laundromat, pick up meds, get lunch, and even visit with friends on occasion. If she can't arrange a visit with friends, this very friendly lady just picks up her cell phone and makes the call!

Her van has been adapted so that she can roll right in and head out to take care of errands, or go off to church. First in Families was able to help her with purchasing a key fob as well - being as independent as possible is key for Angie. There are so many things that Angie likes to do. "This wheelchair doesn't define me" she added to our visit, and I have to agree. Ray of sunshine is much more apropos.

**Would you like to be our SPOTLIGHT story in the next
issue of The Arc Archives?**

**Please contact us via email at:
arcmoorepr@embarqmail.com**

Here's What's Coming Up This Quarter

September - membership drive

October - Virtual Halloween Bash 10/29/20 6:30-7:30 with Costume Contest, Dancing, and Entertainment! See details on our FB and Instagram pages. Registration necessary

November - The Arc Book Club and Aktion Club to decorate tree for Festival of Trees, raising funds for the Sandhills Children's Center. Contact Deborah Clark for details. Email: clarkdeb2001@gmail.com

We invite you to join those who have already made the commitment to membership with The Arc! Believe in our mission to enhance the quality of life for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families through advocacy, support and services.

We'd love to have you join us, together we are making a difference!

#AchieveWithUs

**Become a Member of
The Arc of Moore
County**



Thank you to our new and renewing members

Dot and Bruce Macdonald
Paige and Bret Norbury
Colleen Spears
Vince and Anita Powierski
Kelly Altman
Christine Charlton
Regina Charlton
Bart and Deborah Clark
Martha Collier
Jo Copper
Tom and Mary Ann Roth
Dan and Laura Thomson
Rex and Barbara Worrell
Alfred and Wendy Carter

George and Sandy Corr
Gerri Crutchfield
Lester and Dawn Davis
Bill and Jeanie Eastman
George Hillard
Norma Jannone
Margaret and Michelle Jones
Michael and Kelly McCrann
Nancy McNiff
Johnny and Melinda Ransdell
Donna Roth
Patricia Tibbs
Steve and Brenda Bouser
Brent and Susan Holmes

Tidbits...

- Our office is open 10:00-3:00 Monday through Thursday and 10:00-1:00 on Friday. We ask that you call for an appointment if you need to meet with our staff. Face masks and sanitizer are available in our lobby if needed.

- Please consider The Arc when creating or revising your will, bequest or mandatory disbursement from an IRA. We would be honored to be included in your plans. We would be happy to discuss this option with your further. Call Wendy Carter or Laura Thomson for details, (910) 692-8272.
- Share this email with a friend! Please forward to someone who may be interested in the happenings of The Arc. We thank you.

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